

SCOTT COUNTY KICKER.

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FROM ORAN.

Died, at Chaffee, October 16th, John Witt, aged 67 years. Deceased was born at Massillon, Ohio, and came with his parents to Missouri at an early age and settled in the vicinity of New Hamburg. In 1874 he indulged for some friends which afterwards proved an unfortunate venture and left him penniless. Through the advice of his friend, and I might say, benefactor (the late Ben. F. Hunter) he went on one of the farms of that gentleman in Richwoods and by the assistance rendered him by his landlord, and by his characteristic attention to business, he soon accumulated considerable property. While farming in the Richwoods, from his earnings there he purchased the farm he lately sold to the Chaffee Real Estate Co., and by the advancement in real estate he realized a handsome some profit on his investment. Two years ago he received a severe blow in the death of his wife. He leaves thirteen living children, viz: Mary (Mrs. J. W. Williams), Joseph, John Mike, Frank, Lonia, Mrs. Nick Schott, Clara (Mrs. J. S. Legrand), Lizzie (Mrs. Geo. Metz), Winnie (Mrs. Oscar Colwell), Eda, Benjamin, Stephen, and Lorena.

During fair week a traveling salesman had a suit case stolen, and for which a reward was offered. Thursday J. E. Allen and Thomas Henly were examining the foundation of the Allen warehouse when Allen discovered a suit case lying on one of the sills underneath the floor, which upon investigation, proved to be the one that was stolen. The suit case was cut on both sides the full length. It had been rifled of the most valuable articles.

H. W. Stone, the attendance officer, by his official work, has largely increased the attendance at the public school. The people demand that the law be enforced.

Barney Jochem and others say that the hickory nut, hazel nut, and the grape crop is immense. One party brought in twelve bushels of hickory nuts Saturday.

Hon. J. J. Russell, of Charleston, was here Tuesday, shaking hands with his many friends. Mr. Russell stands deservedly high with all classes here.

T. J. Milford is moving his restaurant to Chaffee. With six restaurants in town and lunch furnished by the saloons, he says business is overdone.

I am told that the expenditures by the fair association, exceeded the receipts by \$152. There's a loss to the promoters for that amount.

Rev. Hubbard, pastor of the Baptist church, assisted by Rev. Smith, commenced a protracted meeting last Tuesday night.

J. D. Halter has had his residence in the Miller addition weatherboarded and painted, adding much to its appearance.

Dick Chaney is the champion hunter in all this country. One day last week he brought in fifty-two squirrels.

The first quarterly meeting of the M. E. church, South, will be held at the church on the 29th and 30th inst.

Judge W. H. Buge was here Saturday to arrange for the annual hunt of the Oran and Morley club.

Several parties from Cape Girardeau and Bollinger counties are here waiting to invest in farm lands.

Jas. R. Morrow, of Sandywood, has bought the Underwood residence near the Catholic church.

J. T. Githens has the material on the ground for building a residence in the east part of town.

Married, Wednesday, October 18, P. P. Marshall to Miss Ruth Mitchell. Rev. King officiating.

Mrs. Lillie Kline and Miss Clara Armstrong were visiting relatives at this place Monday.

Miss Clara Maddox, a teacher in our public school, purchased a piano this week.

Mrs. B. Finley, who has been sick for the past ten days, is reported much better.

Miss Anna Finley, teacher at the Lenox school, spent Saturday and Sunday here.

Mrs. Lillie Bucklin, of Morley, was in town Tuesday, shopping.

J. W. Reeder and L. L. Rodney spent Sunday at Chaffee.

FROM KELSEO.

There was a ball at Dannenmuller Bros' Hall Tuesday night, at which one of our men came near being seriously hurt. From the information gathered, it went something like this: About 11 o'clock Simon Blatt attempted to go up stairs where they were dancing. Of course, the collectors stopped him, and demanded the usual fare—50c. But he remonstrated, saying he wouldn't pay; that he wasn't going to dance. So they admitted him for half-price, with the understanding that he was not to dance. But Simon hadn't been up stairs long before he was dancing. The collectors learned of it and notified the party giving the ball (Philip Pfefferkorn) and he at once demanded another quarter. Simon refused to pay, and of course, it resulted in a scuffle, in which Pfefferkorn pitched Simon down stairs. Simon lay there unconscious for an hour or more, and after procuring medical assistance he was taken home. He is some better at this writing.

Alois Felter and Adam Schaefer went to St. Louis Saturday and returned Tuesday. While in the city Mr. Schaefer bought a team of 8-year-old mules.

Otto Dannenmuller and wife drove to the Cape Monday.

Mrs. Louisa Logel is putting a new roof on her house.

C. Debonne drove to Rockview Wednesday.

AROUND BENTON.

A young minister at Columbia, Missouri, who had been given a horse by a rich farmer parishoner, rode him home to exhibit him to his father, says the Aukvase Review. The old gentleman studied the horse carefully and observed that he seemed very aged and infirm. "Well father," said the son, "I don't think you ought to complain of him if he is old and feeble. It is a good deal better animal than our savior rode in Jerusalem nineteen hundred years ago." "I don't know, John," replied his father, "I think it is the same animal."

Mr. Gratz, of the Johnstone Land Co., was here Thursday and is quite an enthusiast on the subject of introducing alfalfa among the farmers of Scott county. He says that \$100 per acre can be realized from it and that this fall the company is putting in 200 acres near Blodgett—80 acres in bottom land and 120 in the sand. He says that in Penicost county tenant farmers are paying \$15 per acre for alfalfa land.

The contempt proceedings against the Cape saloon keepers for violating the "dill" at the fair grounds was up before Judge Riley and they were held under \$1,000 bond each to answer at the January term of the Cape county circuit court, when they will be given a trial. When laboring men violate an injunction they are thrown into prison without a trial. The Kicker will have more to say about this next week.

Wm. Canham, of Commerce, was here during the week and told of losing a fine mare and mule colt at the Oran fair. Both had been awarded the blue ribbon. During the night they escaped from the stalls at the grounds and wandered onto the railroad tracks where both were killed by a train. Mr. Canham has filed a claim with the railroad company for \$350.

E. W. McDonough, of Morley, has a simple mouse trap scheme. "Fill a closed-end tin with bread," said he, "and put it under the edge of a small bowl or glass dish with the open end inside. The mouse will crawl inside and nibble at the bread until the tin tilts and lets the dish down. Then you have the mouse." He says it is an effective way to catch mice.

Last week five hundred railroad employees were thrown out of work at Beato and the Greenville Sun says "Reports and labor statistics from all parts of the country show that labor is in good demand." It never seems to occur to the Sun that "reports and labor statistics" are made to order.

Alfonse DeLisle, of Portageville, and Miss Mary O'Connor, of Fredericktown, were married at the latter place by Father Rothensteiner on Tuesday of last week. Miss O'Connor taught school near Caney Creek in this country a few years ago.

J. P. Lightner, of Illinois, was here during the week and stated that plans were being prepared for a 20x30 foot two-story building to be occupied by the First National Bank of Illinois.

Dewey Hobson, Treasurer of the M. and Mrs. C. C. Halstead, died Sunday. He was buried in Oak Grove cemetery at Commerce Monday.

Editors Graham and Moore and ex-Editor Barnes, of Sikeston, attended court this week. Where were Editors Huffman and Lee.

Charles Halter and Miss Emma Schlitt were married at New Hamburg Tuesday.

FROM LEE'S SETTLEMENT.

The Frisco railroad, we understand, gives free passage from St. Louis to Chaffee to persons who might wish to invest in property in the new town.

We learn that a Mr. Evans, a painter, has moved into the property lately purchased by John Killadner on Caney Creek.

John Killadner can be seen every Tuesday and Saturday morning on his bi-weekly trips to Chaffee to market.

A. J. Tohill has had two very sick children with diphtheria, but they are better at this writing.

Andy Belles made a trip to Cape Thursday night for antitoxine for the diphtheria patients.

Bert Belles and Ross Lee attended church at the Rockview school house Saturday evening.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Jos. L. Scherer, of the Sandywoods, last week.

Dr. Cruise has made daily trips out our way this week to see Tohill's children.

Will Lee moved his saw mill from Dutchtown to near Oran this week.

FROM WARD SWITCH.

Louis Dickerson is on the sick list this week.

Farmers around here complain that grass hoppers are worse this year than common and that early sown wheat is being damaged by them.

It is said that the heavy maut is causing a decrease in the milk flow among our cows.

Major Ward has lately built a splendid barn on the farm where Mr. Stinson lives.

A large, roomy barn has just been built on Wm. Hunter's place where Mr. York lives. The Johnstone Land Co. seem to have set the pace for other land owners to follow in building better barns.

The farmers in this vicinity are all very busy.

FROM ROCKVIEW.

A Mr. Walker, a Chaffee laborer, who was batching, took sick Friday and died Saturday.

The Basket dinner and baptizing at the Rockview Baptist church was largely attended.

Nick Mens is all smiles now since he is father.

Mrs. Wm. Schoen is slowly recovering.

FROM MACEDONIA.

Mr. Rochell and three children are visiting in Tennessee. Sidney Rochell and wife, of Commerce, are keeping house for them.

There will be a box supper at Mr. Palmer's, Saturday night, October 21st, for the benefit of the school. Everyone invited.

Chas. Shouts has returned to his home at Turner Hill, Illinois, after a month's visit with relatives here.

Levi Wilkerson and wife have gone to Illinois where they will spend a few weeks visiting relatives.

Mrs. F. M. Sanders, son and daughter, are spending the week at Benton, Ill.

Martin Cook and Lonnie Heisser, of Kelson, visited friends (?) here Sunday.

Mrs. Wm. Shatz and son, of Vanduser, are visiting her parents here. Miss Mabel Palmer spent the latter part of last week at Cape Girardeau.

Miss Edna Freeman, of the Cape, visited relatives here last week. Ed Garvey and daughter spent a few hours at Benton Thursday.

Miss Fronia Triplett spent Saturday and Sunday at Morley.

Anel Greer visited the Cape the latter part of last week.

Luther Hughes spent Sunday with his parents here.

FROM OAK DALE.

Most every one is through sowing wheat and it looks well, but the corn crop failed to show up this year. Yet everybody seems hopeful and are feasting on fine pork chops and beef steak that are killed and delivered by our new butcher.

There is and has been a great deal of sickness in this vicinity for weeks past, some are convalescent, others linger and a few have passed to the great beyond.

The friends of Miss Emma Varnon remembered her last Saturday, it being her 15th birthday. She received some nice presents and spent a jolly day.

Henry Mills was visiting in these parts several days last week. Henry has many friends here.

J. S. and Sam Varnon attended the fair last week. They report a good time.

Pecan and hickory nut hunting is the order of the day, they are plentiful.

Rad Moody and family moved to Chaffee Saturday.

FROM COMMERCE.

Geo. Brunnett and wife returned on the Cape Girardeau Sunday evening from a week's visit to St. Louis.

Mr. Hilton returned Saturday with Mrs. Hilton from the city where she had been for medical treatment.

James Coffman, of St. Louis, spent a few days in town last week.

Arthur Pell, of Blodgett, spent Sunday with relatives here.

Mrs. J. H. Crowder came down Saturday from the Cape.

Ed Hurson, wife and mother are visiting in St. Louis.

FROM BLODGETT.

Among the visitors in town this week we noticed O. F. Goodin, Charleston; Dr. Cannon, Edna; Sheriff Watkins, Benton; John Ingram, Sikeston; B. Gratz, Pierce Crosby and J. S. Garretson, St. Louis; R. L. Buck, Commerce and C. A. Leedy, Fredericktown.

S. F. Shell has moved to Charleston; Mrs. Streeb has moved to Grayboro, and Rev. J. M. England has moved to Blodgett.

Dewey, the seven year old child of C. C. Halstead, died Sunday of congestion and was buried Monday at Commerce.

Norace—I have some fine milk cows for sale. Cash or good note. 3000. W. C. LAMBERT, Benton, Mo.

A. W. Wright has received a new grist mill, which will be in operation in a few days.

A small party enjoyed some music at W. L. Lenley's Thursday night.

John Beavers, who lived south of town, was buried Saturday.

FROM MORLEY.

Mrs. Sarah Boyce, of New Mexico, is here visiting her son, P. H. Boyce. It looks more like Morley to see her here. Half of the drummers in Southeast Missouri would go twenty miles out of their way to see Mrs. Boyce. She has been in the hotel business, until recently, for the last twenty-five years.

Henry Daugherty has finished a new barn to replace the one destroyed by fire a few Sunday's ago. He has used the precaution to place it further away from his dwelling, so that in case of a like accident, his home would not be endangered.

W. P. Clayton has bought property in the southwest part of town and has made some important improvements. He moved into his new home this week.

A Mr. Slinkard, of Diehlstadt, moved to our town this week. He will occupy the house vacated by Mr. Clayton, and will run a butcher shop.

It is a very common occurrence to hear three or four pea hoppers, whistling and humming, or to see two or three passing through town.

Mrs. S. Frobae is cooly settled in her new dwelling, having moved this week. This building is just in front of Henry Frobae's residence.

If there was just a fine residence in front of Jimmy Hunter's, how nice it would be! Pearl can't you take a hint.

B. F. Earles is building an addition to his warehouse, so as to be able to take care of the corn and pea crop.

Robert L. Harrison is making some radical improvements in his property just purchased of Dr. North.

L. L. Hunter's new house is about finished. He will move into it this week. He has a beautiful residence.

J. H. May has just finished an addition to his house, which adds much to its convenience.

At Morley's Greatest Store!

Some merchants can't understand why I can sell goods cheaper than they and yet give away FREE, a fine Graphophone with every purchase of \$25, or a nice 16x20 picture frame with every purchase of \$2 and 39c cash. I also give away the celebrated silverware and fine Chinaware.

Well, I will explain. I own my own building—a saving of \$50 per month in rent. I insure my own property—a saving of \$5 per month in insurance. I make a full hand behind the counter—a saving of \$40 per month in clerk hire. These savings enable me to give to my customers \$95 per month in presents.

Dry Goods and Clothing.

My Dry Goods and Clothing department is full to the brim with the latest designs and fashions. My line of Ladies Jackets, Cloaks and Silk Undershirts must be seen to be appreciated. I have the best line of Children's Ready-Made Suits ever brought to town. Overcoats I have in endless variety.

Mens' Suits from \$4.00 up.
 Boys' Suits from \$3.50 up.
 Mens' Corduroy Pants, \$1.25 up.
 Heavy Cotton Comforts, from 75c up.
 Undershirts, from 25c up.

A Nice Line of Up-to-Date Dress Goods that will Please

Millinery Department.

Don't forget the Millinery Department, with Mrs. C. E. Leslie in charge. If she hasn't a hat in stock to suit you, she can make you one in that artistic style characteristic of her work.

Carpet Department.

My Carpet Department is complete. Ingrain Carpets from 25c per yard up.

Furniture of every description at the same old LOW PRICE.

Stoves.

This is the Stove season. King heaters from 60c up. Elbows, 5c each.

Groceries.

My Groceries are fresh and clean.
 Granulated Sugar, 20lbs.....\$1.00
 Best Kettle rendered lard, per lb......10c
 Best Smoked Bacon, by the side, per lb.....10c
 Baking Powder, per can......25c
 Star Tobacco, per lb......38c

Wagons and Farm Machinery

My Wagon and Farm Machinery Department is full in every line. If you want a fine top buggy with 1,000 mile axle, Bailey loop, handy top, dust proof skin, all complete you can get it for - - **\$37**

Come and Get it.

When in Morley don't fail to call and inspect our line of Up-to-Date seasonable merchandise. The most complete line to be found in town.

..Bargains for all..

I want your trade and am going to get it if high grade goods at low prices are any inducement.

B. F. Earles, Morley.

FROM VANDUSER.

Mrs. Celestine Grogean of Oran, was called to the bedside of her brother, Wardell Potter, at this place, who is very sick.

A certain woman says that the next Morley constable that carries off one of her pumpkins, had better look out.

Rumor says we are to have another wedding in town soon. So have your old bells and horns ready, boys.

I pay the highest price for wheat every day in the year.

W. C. LAMBERT, Benton, Mo.
 Ben Lett and Ed Miller were seen on our streets Sunday. Ask Ben where he found Miss Mary.

Quite a number from this place are attending court at Benton. Look out, boys.

Will Wallace, Will Mason and Will Mitchell took dinner Sunday with J. S. Wallace's.

Mrs. Flora Boyett, of Morehouse, spent Sunday, with her brother, Luther Palmer.

Mrs. Tom Boyett, of Crowder, spent Sunday with her daughter at this place.

Miss Clara Greer and Mr. Burklow made a flying trip to Crowder Sunday.

Nat Towns, of Bloomfield, is spending a few days here this week.

Jim Bowman is all smiles. It's another boy.

FROM BATTS.

Messrs. Steve McClanahan, Russell Pearcey and Ben Ladd returned from Leachville, Arkansas Monday where they have been logging. They don't like Arkansas much.

Sol Parks, of Risco, had business in our vicinity last week. He has rented one of Riley Batts' farms and will try farming next year. We wonder if he will watch?

Messdames Goza and Cranio, of Vanduser, were the guests of Mrs. Riley Batts, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Mercer, of Morley, visited their mother, Mrs. M. E. Mercer Sunday.

Mrs. Underwood, of Morley, spent Monday with her daughter, Mrs. Mary Grant.

Misses Verbe, Addie and Ethel Mercer spent Sunday with Miss Barbara Ladd.

Jim Pearcey has returned from Kentucky where he has been visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Grant, of Morley, spent Sunday with Frank Grant and family.

Mrs. D. R. Pearcey and son, Russell, went to Morley shopping Saturday.

Miss Industry Batts spent Sunday with Miss Gracie McClanahan.

Miss Annie McClanahan visited Miss Anna Batts Sunday.

Frank Cartwright is sick at this writing.

Thos. Myers moved to Oran Friday.

FROM LITTLE RIVER.

Elmer Jones is going to secure for himself a hunter's license. He will kill bear and wild cats on Nigeroo swamps this winter.

W. D. Vaughn, of McMullin, was down on Little river looking for a place to raise corn and hogs.

Mr. Patterson and William Ferguson butchered a beef and peddled it out Saturday morning.

Sam Gibbs got his foot badly mangled in a hay rake last Saturday.

Doc Reeves, of Vanduser, was on Little River Sunday, hunting hogs. Joseph Utage was a Morley visitor last Saturday.

FROM DIEHLSTADT.

A horse being driven by Walter Maxwell and Curtis Freeling Saturday night became unmanageable and wrecked the buggy throwing Maxwell out and severely hurting his leg.

Our handsome young friend, Chas. Abshire, is again clerking for Hank Frey. Good looking young ladies are especially invited to "call again."

Died, at the home of her father, Mat Simons, Mrs. Ida Long, Monday. Her remains were laid to rest in the Maynard Cemetery.

Curtis Freeling, from below Bertrand, was the guest of Mr. Freese and family Saturday and Sunday.

Misses Nellie Nairmore and Addie Abshire were the guests of Misses Ruby and Maud Martindale Friday.

A large crowd enjoyed a party given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Freese Saturday night.

Diehlstadt is on the boom. Several new houses are now in the hands of carpenters.

Mrs. Mat Rodgers and daughter, Miss Myrtle, visited near Diehlstadt Saturday.

Mrs. Gusta Dannels, of Texas Bend, visited Mrs. Will Kirkpatrick last week.

Miss Agnes Offert was the guest of Misses Alice and Leslie Akers Saturday.

Prof. Bray had to dismiss school a few days this week on account of his eyes.

Rev. Oglesby preached here Sunday night to quite a large congregation.

Fred Miller left for Cairo Saturday where he will remain for some time. It is reported that Lonnie Masters has gone to Indian Territory.

Miss Mary Abshire has been quite sick for the past few days.

Anron Ware went to Cairo Saturday returning Sunday.

Miss Ada Cooper called on Mrs. A. J. Abshire Friday.

Messdames Welch and Ware visited Mrs. Abshire Sunday.

Dr. Story and wife are visiting at Whiting this week.

Mrs. Clara Dannels is visiting relatives here.

Glenn Adams, of Benton, was here Sunday.

FROM McMULLIN.

The apple trees on the Amelia Finley place are in bloom—guess we'll have winter apples this winter.

Charley Finley is at Morley this week sowing wheat for J. D. O'Connor on P. H. Boyce's place.

Sand Prairie school is picking up nicely, and the pupils are doing earnest work.

What about the compulsory school law? It don't seem to have much effect here.